



## **October 2017**

*“Learning is not an intellectual undertaking; it is an emotional journey. When we learn we are accompanied by two figures – fear and hope. We hope for the fulfilment of our desire and we fear that we will fail. The greatest teacher understands this fear and places an understanding arm around the shoulder. Successful learning can be understood this simply. “*

*-Welby Ings, 2006*

Dear Parents,

The month of October at IELC was an action packed one filled with memorable achievement, events, parent interaction and fun filled celebration. As all classes had completed their first Unit of Inquiry for the year, we celebrated the children’s accomplishments and learning in a variety of ways, from in-house events with parent participation to field trips for the older children. A special thank you to all of you who contributed towards making these events special for the children.

Our First Term PTM was a wonderful opportunity for communication between parents and teachers. Each child received their first Report Card of the academic year with detailed inputs from all teachers and specialists.

**Developing a whole school culture for reading for pleasure is the key to improving children’s literacy.** Reading development involves the participation of children, parents, educators and the community as a whole. IELC team looks forward to parent participation for the Guided Reading program slated to start **in November**.

### **Health, Safety, Security and Environment (HSSE)**

**HEALTH:** Throughout your child’s schooling, the Centre will arrange head lice inspection of students. The inspection will be conducted by the class assistants. Before the check, we explain the process to students and emphasize that the presence of head lice does not mean that their hair is less clean or unkempt. The person

conducting the inspections will check through each student's hair to see if any lice or eggs are present. In cases where head lice are found, the teacher will notify the respective parents.



Itch? Lice?

Please note that when a child has head lice, that child should not attend school until appropriate treatment has commenced. [www.stylecraze.com/articles/anti-lice-shampoos-available-in-india/](http://www.stylecraze.com/articles/anti-lice-shampoos-available-in-india/)

**SAFETY:** Teachers and support staff had a drill on how to operate fire extinguishers on a working Saturday. We got to know the do's and don'ts keeping fire safety in mind.



Teachers and support staff attended a First Aide workshop at Columbia Asia Hospital – Whitefield. We all learnt to be able to recognize life-threatening situations and be able to offer vital assistance before more experienced help arrives.



## **SECURITY:**

In today's day and age, protecting our children is essential and at IELC we have CCTV cameras placed at several spots in order to keep your child as safe as possible. Ms. Julie monitors the cameras.

**ENVIRONMENT:** The physical environment of our school building and school grounds

is a key factor in the overall health and safety of our students, staff, and visitors. Please notify us immediately if you notice any hazards.

### **Shankar Mahadevan Academy**



Singing happens at Indus Early Learning Centre Whitefield with the support of Shankar Mahadevan Academy Vocal Classes!

The Shankar Mahadevan Academy (SMA) partners with IELC to bring our students music and vocal training classes. These classes are offered on Tuesdays to Prep 1 and Prep 2.

[www.shankarmahadevanacademy.com](http://www.shankarmahadevanacademy.com)

The focus of this program is to help pupils form a basic understanding of sound and the different sources that produce sound. Students are introduced to the concepts of beat & rhythm, dynamics & expression, articulation and notation. Through the progression of this program, children will learn some elements of Indian music, such as the 7 swaras. Opportunity will be provided to experiment with a variety of musical instruments, music genres and regional songs. The Mission of SMA is Joy of Music:

- To spread the joy of music worldwide
- To offer an opportunity to learners to achieve internationally established standards of learning.
- To make learning music convenient, easy and fun
- To emphasize on exploring and composing music, while learners achieve excellence in skill to perform and teach music.



### **Raz – Kids**

Raz-Kids, the online Comprehensive Leveled Reading Resource for Kids is now accessible for Prep 2 and Grade 1 students' & parents.

Raz-Kids is an award-winning teaching product that provides comprehensive leveled

reading resources for students. With hundreds of eBooks offered at 27 different levels of reading difficulty, it's easy to put the right content in every student's hands.

Students access their leveled text through an interactive learning portal designed to keep them motivated and engaged. eBooks are available in online and mobile formats, and allows students to listen, read and record themselves while reading. Students then take a corresponding quiz complete with an extended answer response to test comprehension and determine future instruction needs. Once a child has read ten or more of the leveled eBooks and passed each of the corresponding quizzes, they advance on to the next reading level where they have access to lengthier and more difficult text.

- A Digital Library at the disposal of Prep 2 and Grade 1.
- 800+ leveled eBooks for students to practice reading anytime, anywhere
- Corresponding quizzes that measure student comprehension
- Digital management and reporting tools to easily track individual and class-wide reading progress We hope this online reading resource will help our Prep 2 and Grade 1 students enjoy their homework even more! To learn more please visit: [www.raz-kids.com](http://www.raz-kids.com)



## **A taste of October**

Inquiry Cycle Presentation:

An inquiry workshop was conducted for parents who were keen on understanding more about how the learning journey occurs through the Unit of Inquiry in our curriculum. Students shared their learning from each grade, showcasing a Unit of Inquiry through photographs, samples of work and assessments.



### Dushera celebrations:

Students celebrated the victory of good over evil by making Rangoli and learning Garba and Dandiya dance. A special thanks to our IELC Whitefield teachers for conducting dance session with students.





### Pottery Session:

Moulding our future!!!

Students got the opportunity to make diyas and paint them in preparation for the Indian festival of lights - Diwali.



## Halloween :

Trick or treat, dressing up in costumes, costume parties, Halloween games and Halloween decorations were all part of the Halloween parade at IELC – Whitefield. Parents, grandparents and teachers came all dressed up along with students.



## News from the classrooms:

### Prep 1:

Prep 1 learners celebrated the end of their first unit on Family and traditions with a fun filled 'family picnic'. Children created a family hand print portrait with their family members and clicked pictures of their families at the photo booth. They also made diwali diyas at the potter's hub and enjoyed the delicious food with their families. The picnic helped the learners to embrace the differences and similarities of families from various backgrounds.

Thank you so much for extending your support for a successful culmination of Prep1's first Unit of Inquiry.



**Important dates in November**

November 1<sup>st</sup> – Holiday – Karnataka Rajyotsava

November 10<sup>th</sup> - MOVIE UNDER THE STARS – Family event at school starting at 6:00 pm. We will watch a child friendly movie along with popcorns.

November 14<sup>th</sup> - Children's day celebrations in school.

November 17<sup>th</sup> – Sports Day for grades Nursery – Grade 1.

November 20<sup>th</sup> – PAC meeting to plan Christmas Carnival.

Regards,



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